

Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge

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Re: 2007 Michigan Youth Hunter Educational Challenge (MYHEC) State Event

Hello, my name is Debi Pinkel, the new State MYHEC Coordinator for 2007. In the last letter there was some question as to whether there would be a MYHEC challenge this year and I am excited to tell you that a team of interested parents have come forward to see that MYHEC lives on! You will be seeing some new faces and names this year on the administrative MYHEC board. Be sure to take a moment to introduce yourselves so we can all get to know one another.

Let me tell you a bit about myself. I am a 4-H shooting sports community leader, rifle instructor and MYHEC coach. I have been training MYHEC team members for ten years now and love MYHEC! I am glad to see that others in the future will be able to enjoy the MYHEC Challenge Event as much as my family has. I became involved in MYHEC when my middle daughter found a flyer announcing the program at a Wildlife Art Show and said she would like to do the challenge. We took the flyer to our 4-H group, hoping that someone, anyone but me, would be interested and able to take on training a team for the upcoming event. As it worked out, I began scouring the community for people to come in and help train this first group of youth who were interested in preparing for a MYHEC challenge. After that, our group was hooked on MYHEC and I continue to teach the life time skills that one can learn from being involved in this wonderful NRA program. I continue to learn right along with them.

Location - Dates - Registration:

To ensure your spot at the 2007 MYHEC State Event we do encourage you to register early. This year's event will be held at the Looking Glass Sportsmen Club at 8855 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848, on August 25 & 26. Registrations must be postmarked no later than August 10th.

Enclosed are application forms that are to be completely filled out and submitted prior to the registration deadline. The application must be signed on the back side by a parent or guardian in the three (3) areas designated. On-line registration will not be available this year. If you have participated in past MYHEC State Events only the completed application is required. First time participants must also attach a copy of their State Hunter Safety Card.

The registration fee for 2007 is \$20 if postmarked on or before July 31st and \$25 if postmarked between August 1-10, 2007. Payment must be sent with registration form and is non-refundable. Make checks payable to MYHEC.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

First, enclosed you will find a list of items needed for this year's event. You may help out by donating these items or donating the funds to cover these items; in part or full. This list also includes a number of volunteers needed to assure that each event runs smoothly. Please take a moment to look over this list and see if there is any place you, or someone you know, are able to help out. Contact Debi Pinkel at (517) 485-6391 or email StateMYHEC07@aol.com, for details.

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Secondly, the fall MYHEC Fundraising Banquet for this year has also been canceled due to the uncertainty of the program for 2007.

Directions:

From Detroit: Take I-69 East to Woodbury Rd., exit 98; see directions below *
From the South: Take 127 North to I-69, go east on I-69 to Woodbury Rd. exit 98, *
From the North: Take 127 South to I-69, go east on I-69 to Woodbury Rd, exit # 98, *
From Grand Rapids: Take 96 East to I 69, go east on I-69 to Woodbury Rd, exit # 98, *

*Directions from Woodbury Rd.: go North 1.3 miles on Woodbury to Bath Rd., go East (Right) .2 mile on Bath Rd., go North (Left) 3.1 miles on Woodbury Rd., Looking Glass Sportsman Club is on the East (Right) side of the road. Address: 8855 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848,

Lodging:

Hotel /Motel: There are several hotels/motels in the area. MYHEC has reserved a block of rooms* at the AmeriHost Inn-North, 1055 Aaron Dr., Dewitt, MI 48820. Phone number (517) 374-0000. If you register at this hotel prior to July 24th and mention you are with MYHEC, you will receive a discounted rate of \$70 + tax /room/night. Whirl pool rooms and other premium rooms will be adjusted accordingly.

Other Area Hotels:

AmeriHost Inn-North, 1055 Aaron Dr., Dewitt, MI 48820 (517) 374-0000*
Sleep Inn, 1101 Commerce Park Dr., Dewitt, MI 48820 (517) 669-8823
Comstock Inn, 300 E. Main St., Owosso, MI 48867 Phone: (989) 725-0999
The Pines Country Inn, 1730 E. Main St. (M-21), Owosso, MI 48867 Phone: (989) 723-9000

Camping:

Looking Glass Sportsman Club: Accommodations to allow "rustic" tent and travel trailer camping have been arranged. All Club rules must be adhered to while camping. We are guests of the club and expect all in attendance to strictly follow all safety rules and club rules. There will be a \$10 camping fee charged for a team of five and their coach; add \$1 for each additional camper (of any age). Return the enclosed camping registration and fee with your participant registration.

Sleepy Hollow State Park: This state campground has all of the modern conveniences and is approximately 7.5 miles from Looking Glass Sportsmen Club, about 15 minutes traveling time. It is located at 1735 East Price Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848. Make reservations by calling (800) 447-2757.